

HOUSE BILL No. 1123

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.2-8.

Synopsis: Commission for superior academic achievement. Creates the commission for superior academic achievement by all students. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared for the interim study committee on education issues.)

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.2-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2003]:
4 **Chapter 8. Commission for Superior Academic Achievement by**
5 **All Students**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
7 **commission for superior academic achievement by all students**
8 **established under section 2 of this chapter.**
9 **Sec. 2. (a) The commission for superior academic achievement**
10 **by all students is established.**
11 **(b) The commission consists of thirty-two (32) members**
12 **appointed as follows:**
13 **(1) Eight (8) members appointed by the speaker of the house**
14 **of representatives as follows:**
15 **(A) Four (4) members from the membership of the house**
16 **of representatives.**
17 **(B) Four (4) citizens of the same political party as the**



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- 1 speaker of the house of representatives.
- 2 (2) Eight (8) members appointed by the minority floor leader
- 3 of the house of representatives as follows:
- 4 (A) Four (4) members from the membership of the house
- 5 of representatives.
- 6 (B) Four (4) citizens of the same political party as the
- 7 minority floor leader of the house of representatives.
- 8 (3) Eight (8) members appointed by the president pro tempore
- 9 of the senate as follows:
- 10 (A) Four (4) members from the membership of the senate.
- 11 (B) Four (4) citizens of the same political party as the
- 12 president pro tempore of the senate.
- 13 (4) Eight (8) members appointed by the minority floor leader
- 14 of the senate as follows:
- 15 (A) Four (4) members from the membership of the senate.
- 16 (B) Four (4) citizens of the same political party as the
- 17 minority floor leader of the senate.
- 18 Citizen members must represent education and minority concerns.
- 19 (c) The following individuals shall serve as ex officio nonvoting
- 20 members of the commission:
- 21 (1) The governor or the governor's designee.
- 22 (2) The lieutenant governor or the lieutenant governor's
- 23 designee.
- 24 (3) The state superintendent of public instruction or the
- 25 superintendent's designee.
- 26 (4) The executive officer of the commission for higher
- 27 education or the executive officer's designee.
- 28 (d) The chairperson of the commission shall be appointed jointly
- 29 by the:
- 30 (1) speaker and minority floor leader of the house of
- 31 representatives; and
- 32 (2) president pro tempore and minority floor leader of the
- 33 senate;
- 34 from the voting members of the commission.
- 35 (e) A vacancy of a voting member of the committee shall be
- 36 filled by appointment of a replacement member for the unexpired
- 37 term. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a
- 38 replacement for a senator and the speaker of the house of
- 39 representatives shall appoint a replacement for a representative.
- 40 (f) The commission is a nonprofit organization exempt from
- 41 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 42 Sec. 3. A nonlegislative voting member of the commission is

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1 entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
2 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member may be reimbursed for traveling
3 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the
4 member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and
5 procedures established by the department of administration.

6 Sec. 4. Not later than December 1, 2004, the commission shall
7 make recommendations to the general assembly concerning the
8 following:

9 (1) The elimination of gaps in the achievement levels of
10 student sociodemographic subgroups.

11 (2) Improvements beyond proficiency to advanced levels in
12 the state's standards of academic achievement.

13 Sec. 5. (a) For the period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending
14 December 31, 2004, sufficient funds are appropriated to the
15 commission from the state general fund to administer this chapter.

16 (b) In addition to the appropriation described in subsection (a),
17 the commission may accept private donations to administer this
18 chapter.

19 (c) The commission may employ any staff necessary to perform
20 the duties imposed by this chapter and fix the compensation and
21 terms of that employment, subject to approval by the budget
22 agency.

23 Sec. 6. This chapter expires December 31, 2004.

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